



## AFECO Newsletter August 2021

### **Deadlines in winter term 2021/22**

From September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 14<sup>th</sup> the registration for all lectures is open on BASIS. For further deadlines please check out the [document](#) of the ILR.

### **Timetable winter term 2021/22**

At the end of the newsletter, you can find the timetable. Please keep in mind that there is the possibility of some changes and that not all information regarding place and time are added to BASIS yet. Additionally, some modules are planned in present or hybrid when the COVID-19 restrictions will allow.

### **AFECO Study Buddy**

#### **@ All incoming AFECO students:**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all students who will be starting the AFECO program in October. You will receive more information in the coming weeks. But if you already have questions, you are very welcome to contact [Dominik](#). He will be your study buddy and will help you with all your questions and problems. Feel free to contact him and at the same time don't stress, everyone is in close communication to make your start as smooth as possible.

### **Ninth Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD)**

This year the conference is held under the theme of "Research for Impact: An Inclusive and Sustainable Planet". The event is taking place virtually from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of September and discusses the transformation towards climate neutrality and what influence the relations between specific nations and regions have. To find out more check the German Development Institute's [website](#).

### **Bonn's first Leihbar in the Mackeviertel**

Did you ever need something just for one occasion and then bought it without ever using the item again? Well, the Leihbar in Bonn has proposed a solution for that. It is possible to rent a wide range of things (Dinge). The good of your demand can be reserved on their website and picked up during the opening hours. After placing a deposit, you may use the good freely for your time of use. No stuffed homes and no money spent on goods barely used. These goods are currently in [their inventory](#).

## Funding for a Master's thesis

The Theodor Brinkmann Foundation financially supports outstanding ideas and concepts for master theses. The call for applications for this personal sponsorship is issued on a semester basis and is endowed with 500 euros. All master students at the Faculty of Agriculture of the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität can apply with a concept for the master thesis. If the application is submitted in English (by September 15<sup>th</sup> at the latest), it must be supplemented by a summary in German with a maximum of 100 words. Further information can be found [here](#).



## Internship & Job Opportunities\*

[Intern Strategy Implementation \(m/f/d\)](#) for 6 months (full-time), FOCERT, Bonn

[Research Assistant \(f,m,d\) 2030 AGENDA](#), 36 to 72 hours per month, The German Development Institute, Bonn

[Student Assistant \(f,m,d\) Coffee & GHG reduction project](#), 4C Service GmbH, Cologne

[Student Assistant \(12-19 hours/week\)](#), Program of Accompanying Research for Agricultural Innovation - PARI, Center for Development Research at the University of Bonn

[Studentische Hilfskraft \(w,m,d\) für 7-10 Std. pro Woche](#), PhenoRob Exzellenzcluster, Uni Bonn

[Werkstudent \(m/w/d\) Certification Body Administration](#) (15-20 Std/Woche), GLOBALG.A.P, Köln

[Werksstudent \(m,w,d\) für den Bereich Financial Sector Development](#), AFC Agriculture and Finance Consultants, Bonn

[Projektleitung \(m,w,d\) "Flächenmonitoring"](#), Dienstleistungszentrum Ländlicher Raum (DLR) Mosel, Bernkastel-Kues

[Assistenz\\* Produktmanagement / Junior Produktmanager\\*in \(w,m,d\)](#), Alnatura, Darmstadt

\* job descriptions in German require fluent German skills

Check out the ILR [website](#) for PhD positions and other post-graduate job opportunities



## Interview with Sofia Minetto



For this AFECO Newsletter we could win Sofia Minetto for an interview. Sofia works as Expert on Communications & Advocacy for [ESUPS](#) (Emergency Supply Pre-positioning Strategy), a project about humanitarian logistics run by [Welthungerhilfe](#). Overall, the non-profit organization fights for a world without hunger and poverty, with the goal of “Zero Hunger wherever we work by 2030”. The Welthungerhilfe aims to reach this goal by a multi-faceted approach that encompasses not only immediate help in emergency situations and emergency preparedness, but also long-term

development programs that tackle a wide range of issues such as inequalities in the global agricultural and food system; access to water, sanitation and hygiene; economic development and education; an active civil society, climate change and innovation. Before Sofia decided to work in the non-profit sector, she held several roles in the technology industry, mostly working with start-ups.

**Sofia, first of all, thank you for taking the time to answer some questions! Maybe you can tell us a little bit about your work and what activities you are mainly involved in?**

Sofia: Hello! As you mentioned, I work on a project called ESUPS, which stands for Emergency Supply Pre-positioning Strategy and is run by Welthungerhilfe. My work mostly revolves around everything related to communications and “promotion” of the project: letting people know about it, putting together and sharing information and updates, making sure the project has a good online presence and that all material and information related to it are easily available and accessible. I could even say that answering these questions is part of my work somehow!

**You have a background in the technology industry – what was your motivation to start a job in the non-profit sector and what would you say are the main differences with the non-profit sector?**

Sofia: My main motivation was making a change, both in my life and in the way I experience work. I don't want to work “for” a company or somebody, but I want to contribute to a mission in which I wholeheartedly believe. For me, it was easier to find such type of mission, objectives and values in the non-profit sector as compared to the technology industry. Another difference which I appreciate is the push of the non-profit sector to question itself and its ways of working. There is a lot of room for improvement, more diversity and participation, and less inequalities – and people are genuinely motivated to work towards this, even outside their “office hours”.

**Based on your experiences - how did the work of and at the Welthungerhilfe change with COVID-19? Is there something that struck you with regard to the food supply in particular?**

Sofia: As we all know, this is an unprecedented crisis which is having an impact on many levels and across countries. It has been a difficult time, both because of the public health emergency and because of the obstacles connected to it, such as restrictions in movements of people and goods, or rapidly changing information and guidance on how to deal with the situation. There have been restrictions, limitations, and challenges in providing people with the aid they needed and also in continuing project activities. When thinking of food supply, all countries have been affected but once again the biggest impact was experienced by already vulnerable people. You can read more about it [here](#).

At the same time, this new situation allowed for opportunities to open up. Welthungerhilfe keeps cooperating trustfully with local partner organizations, many of which have permissions to move even when pandemic measures foresee restrictions. This is a great advantage to ensure that people are provided with what they need. In terms of remote work and collaboration among colleagues, we have always supported each other and adapted rather quickly, even though not

everyone is in the same situation – some people are in charge of childcare, some others might not have an adequate workspace at home or a good internet connection.

**You hold a degree in the area of languages and translation. Is there something that catches your attention when messages/information about food are published?**

Sofia: Actually, what catches my attention is that there is still a lack of accurate messages and information about food. There is certainly a trend to raise awareness on where our food comes from and on our food consumption patterns, but the messaging could certainly be stronger, more accessible to everyone and further linked to the issue of climate change.

**Lastly, for our AFECO master students who are possibly interested in working at the Welthungerhilfe – what tips can you give them for their job search and application?**

Sofia: First I would recommend to keep checking vacancies on [Welthungerhilfe website](#), especially the ones for “Junior Experts”. Another good starting point could be an internship or a contract as a student assistant, to get experience within the organization and, in general, to access the non-profit sector. Besides vacancies, it is beneficial to read news and updates from Welthungerhilfe. These are available on a lot of different formats: on the website blog, via social media or even on our podcast! This will help to learn more about the organization and its work from a variety of points of views. Before starting any job-hunting process, research is essential. It is good to have a look at platforms like [AKLHU e.V.](#) or [epojobs](#) to get an idea of job profiles and see what could be a match. I would add not to be discouraged by rejections and having to fill a million applications, but rather use it as a learning experience in itself. And finally, even after “getting in”, it is still very important to build and maintain a network of contacts in your area of interest – there are many creative ways to do so these days, beyond a good CV or LinkedIn profile!



## We want to hear from you!

This is a student-run newsletter, and we would love to get your input. If you have any helpful information about the AFECO program, job/internship opportunities, events around Bonn or something else you would like to share, let us know! It doesn't matter if you would like to contribute one time or consistently, everyone is more than welcome to join us! Feel free to write us at [jmeder@uni-bonn.de](mailto:jmeder@uni-bonn.de) or [lara.hoops@wur.nl](mailto:lara.hoops@wur.nl)

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**Special thanks this month to Viktoria Leuschner, who did the interview with Sofia Minetto.  
THANK YOU 😊**

# Timetable winter term 2021/22

Winter Term AFECO - 1st and 3rd Semester					
time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 to 10	1st Sem. ABS-100 Financial Accounting (T) Trenkel H.	1st Sem. BAS-130 Microeconomics Heckelei T.	1st Sem. BAS-130 Microeconomics Heckelei T.	1st Sem. ABS-100 Financial Accounting (L) Trenkel H.	1st and 3rd Sem. APO-130 Rural Development Rukundo E.
	1st and 3rd Sem. MAC-230 Ethics in Food Consumption and Production Hartmann M. / Hagen K.	3rd Sem. APO-220 Applied Modelling of Agricultural Systems Britz W.	3rd Sem. ABS-130 Investment and Financing Hüttel S. / Wesselmann G.	3rd Sem. APO-220 Applied Modelling of Agricultural Systems Britz W.	3rd Sem. APO-330 Research Seminar in Agricultural and Development Policy Heckelei T. / Jafari Y.
	3rd Sem. ENV-240 Bio-Economic Modelling At Farm-Scale (L+T) Britz W.		3rd Sem. ENV-240 Bio-Economic Modelling At Farm-Scale (L+T) Britz W.		
10 to 12	1st Sem. BAS-140 Organizational Management Bröring S.	3rd Sem. ABS-130 Investment and Financing Hüttel S. / Wesselmann G.	1st and 3rd Sem. MAC-230 Ethics in Food Consumption and Production Hartmann M. / Hagen K.	3rd Sem. and 1. Sem AFEP APO-110 European and International Agricultural Policy Kuhn A.	3rd Sem. ENV-260 Sustainability and risk Jacobs K. / Rhyner J. 15.10.21 - 21.01.22
	3rd Sem. APO-120 Applied Trade Theory and Policy (L+T) Heckelei T. / Jafari Y.		3rd Sem. ENV-210 Advanced Environmental Economics (L+T) Börner J.	1st and 3rd Sem. MAC-100 Food Marketing Simons J. / Klink-Lehmann J.	
12 to 14	1st Sem. ENV-100 Economics on Sustainability Holm-Müller K. / Tagesse Gatiso T.	3rd Sem. and 1. Sem AFEP APO-110 European and International Agricultural Policy Kuhn A.	3rd Sem. APO-120 Applied Trade Theory and Policy (L+T) Heckelei T. / Jafari Y.	1st and 3rd Sem. APO-130 Rural Development Rukundo E.	3rd Sem. ENV-300 Seminar on Environmental Economics and Policies Börner J. (November/December)
	3rd Sem. APO-300 Seminar Policy Analysis Heckelei T.	3rd Sem. ABS-330 Research Seminar in Agribusiness Bröring S. / Hüttel S. / Uehleke R.		1st Sem. ABS-210 Agricultural Production Economics Hüttel S. / Uehleke R. / Seifert S.	1st Sem. BAS-120 Excursion in Agricultural and Food Economics 29.10.2021/26.01.2022/04.02.2022
					3rd Sem. ENV-260 Sustainability and risk Jacobs K. / Rhyner J. 15.10.21 - 21.01.22
14 to 16	1st Sem. MAC-130 Global Agricultural and Food Markets Simons J. / Hartmann M.	1st Sem. MAC-130 Global Agricultural and Food Markets Simons J. / Hartmann M.	1st Sem. BAS-110 Extended Methods of Empirical Research (L) Yeh C., Meyer K., Hüttel S. and Seifert S.	1st Sem. BAS-110 Extended Methods of Empirical Research (T) Yeh C., Meyer K., Hüttel S. and Seifert S.	3rd Sem. ENV-300 Seminar on Environmental Economics and Policies Börner J. (November/December)
	3rd Sem. ABS-120 Methods in Management Research Bröring S.	3rd Sem. ABS-120 Methods in Management Research Bröring S.			
	3rd Sem. ENV-330 Research Seminar Resource and Environmental Economics Börner J.				
16-18	1st and 3rd Sem. MAC-100 Food Marketing Simons J. / Klink-Lehmann J.	1st Sem. ENV-100 Economics on Sustainability Holm-Müller K. / Tagesse Gatiso T.	1st Sem. BAS-140 Organizational Management Bröring S.	1st Sem. BAS-110 Extended Methods of Empirical Research (T) Yeh C. / Meyer K.	
	3rd Sem. ENV-210 Advanced Environmental Economics (L+T) Börner J.	1st Sem. ABS-210 Agricultural Production Economics Hüttel S. / Uehleke R. / Seifert S.	3rd Sem. ENV-220 Agricultural and Agri-Environmental Law/Agrar- und Agrarumweltrecht Schweitzer D.	3rd Sem. MAC-300 Seminar Markets and Consumers Hartmann M.	
			3rd Sem. MAC-330 Research Seminar in Market and Consumer Research Hartmann M.		
18:30-20	1st Sem. ABS-150 Process Based Management Helbig R.				
by arrangement will be announced at eCampus	3rd Sem. MAC-310 Special Project in Market and Consumer Research Hartmann M. By arrangement - first meeting will be announced on eCampus	3rd Sem. APO-310 Special Project in Agricultural and Development Policy Heckelei T. By arrangement - first meeting will be announced on eCampus	3rd Sem. ENV-310 Special Project in Environmental Economics Börner J. By arrangement - first meeting will be announced on eCampus	3rd Sem. ABS-340 Special Project in Production Economics Hüttel S. By arrangement - first meeting will be announced on eCampus	3rd Sem. ABS-320 Special Project in Technology and Innovation Management Bröring S. / Kamrath C. By arrangement - first meeting will be announced on eCampus

T= tutorial

L= lecture

\* compulsory for AFECO students

\* additionally compulsory for AFEP students